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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office action dated August 24, 1992, Paper No. 6, in which claims 1-23 are pending and subject to restriction. The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-20, drawn to a device and method for grafting a prosthesis to the wall of a lumen, classified in Class 623, subclass 1.
- II. Claim 21, drawn to an occlusive umbrella, classified in Class 606, subclass 158.
- III. Claims 22-23, drawn to a spring alignment and compression resistance assembly, classified in Class 606, subclass 153.

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Applicant elects claims 1-20, cited by the Examiner as invention I. The examination of this application is respectfully requested.

Although the foregoing is believed to be dispositive of the issues in this case, if the Examiner deems that a telephone interview would further advance the prosecution thereof, she is invited to call the applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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